DOCUMENT RESUME

ED 475 138 TM 034 822

TITLE	Data Connections: Using Assessment To Improve Teaching and Learning.
INSTITUTION	AEL, Inc., Charleston, WV.
PUB DATE	2002-00-00
NOTE	0p.
AVAILABLE FROM	AEL, Post Office Box 1348, Charleston, WV 25325-1348 ($99). Tel: 800-624-9120; e-mail: aelinfo@ael.org; Web site: http://www.ael.org.
PUB TYPE	Guides - Non-Classroom (055) -- Non-Print Media (100)
EDRS PRICE	Document Not Available From EDRS.
DESCRIPTORS	Optical Disks; *Standardized Tests; *State Standards; *Technical Assistance; Test Construction; Test Interpretation; *Test Use
IDENTIFIERS	*Curriculum Alignment

ABSTRACT

This CD ROM is designed for use by teachers singly or in groups. It may also be used by technical assistance providers preparing to work with teachers. The CD ROM provides an interactive tool to help teachers analyze and interpret standardized test data, use data to plan for effective instruction, develop classroom assessments that align with standards, and prepare students to perform at their best on standardized tests. "Data Connections" consists of four modules, each of which contains factual information, examples, guided practice exercises, and templates that can be applied to a wide variety of assessment contexts, such as norm-referenced tests, criterion-referenced tests, and standards-based tests as well as other data useful to providing effective instruction and learning experiences for students. Module 1 helps clarify the uses of standardized test scores. Module 2 provides strategies for ensuring that curriculum, instructional strategies, and classroom assessments aligned with state standards. The third module takes the user through a step-by-step process for designing classroom assessments that align with state standards, and module 4 contains useful information, strategies, and tools to help teachers and parents prepare students to perform well on tests. (SLD)

Reproductions supplied by EDRS are the best that can be made
from the original document.